GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CORPORATE AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HIKE IN MILK PRICES
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Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competition Commission of India has studied the implications on the frequent hike in the prices of milk by milk producers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI R. P. N. SINGH)

(a) to (c) Madam, while the Competition Commission of India is inquiring into the increase in the price of milk and its implications, as per information furnished by the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, the Government has already taken following steps to augment the availability of liquid milk and stabilize prices of milk and milk products: -

(i) National Dairy Development Board has been allowed to import 50,000 MT of Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP) and Whole milk powder and 15,000 MT of Butter, Butter oil and anhydrous milk fat at 0% concessional duty under Tariff Rate Quota for the year 2011-12 for reconstitution of milk by State Milk Federations and Metro Dairies vide notification dated 14.01.2011 and 04.08.2011.

(ii) Export of milk powder (including skimmed milk powder, whole milk powder, dairy whitener and infant milk food), Casein and Casein products has been prohibited with effect from 18.02.2011.